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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2002, for which a three-month extension of the period for response is requested in the accompanying Transmittal Letter so that the period expires on October 30, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

AMENDMENT

Add claims 56-94, to read as follows:

56. A process for production of clavulanic acid comprising fermentation of a clavulanic acid-producing species of *Streptomyces* in a fermentation broth containing sources of assimilable carbon and assimilable nitrogen, wherein the

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